

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel mileage meter for a vehicle, comprising:  
a fuel mileage display for displaying a rate of fuel consumption of the vehicle; and  
a control unit for controlling, ~~based on a distance traveled and an amount of fuel consumed only after a speed of the vehicle exceeds a predetermined threshold,~~ the display of the fuel consumption rate on said fuel mileage display, wherein the displayed fuel consumption rate is based on a distance traveled and an amount of fuel consumed only after a speed of the vehicle exceeds a predetermined threshold.

2. (Currently Amended) A fuel mileage meter ~~as set forth in claim 1,~~ for a vehicle, comprising:  
a fuel mileage display for displaying a rate of fuel consumption of the vehicle; and  
a control unit for controlling, based on a distance traveled and an amount of fuel consumed only after a speed of the vehicle exceeds a predetermined threshold, display of the fuel consumption rate on said fuel mileage display,

wherein said control unit comprises a traveled distance calculator for calculating a distance traveled after the vehicle speed exceeds the predetermined threshold, a consumed fuel amount calculator for calculating an amount of fuel consumed after the vehicle speed exceeds the predetermined threshold, and a fuel mileage calculator for calculating a fuel mileage based on the traveled distance and the consumed fuel amount.

3. (Original) A fuel mileage meter as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fuel mileage display is provided at a meter indicator portion.

4. (New) A fuel mileage meter as set forth in claim 1, wherein said control unit comprises a traveled distance calculator for calculating a distance traveled after the vehicle speed exceeds the predetermined threshold, a consumed fuel amount calculator for calculating an amount of fuel consumed after the vehicle speed exceeds the predetermined threshold, and a fuel mileage calculator for calculating a fuel mileage based on the traveled distance and the consumed fuel amount.

5. (New) A fuel mileage meter as set forth in claim 2, wherein said fuel mileage display is provided at a meter indicator portion.